

Grand Marshal Named for Armed Forces Day

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COUNCIL IN MANAGER DEADLOCK

Move to Name Wade Peebles Ends in Split

A sudden move to place Director of Public Works Wade Peebles into the city manager's chair on the retirement of George Stevens who has filled the job since 1948 threw the council into a parliamentary donnybrook which would have made a session of Congress look like an afternoon tea Tuesday night.

When it was all over, the council found itself right where it started—deadlocked, with George Vico holding the key. He abstained.

Councilman George Bradford launched the discussion late in the meeting when he moved to name Peebles to the job effective next July 1. Stevens is due to leave the city as of June 30. Bradford prefaced his move by saying he was "looking forward to the budget."

FOLLOWING in quick succession was a substitute motion to declare the job open and solicit applicants on a wide scale; then an amendment to limit the search to 30 days, and an amendment to the amendment to change it to 60 days.

When the smoke had cleared, three councilmen had voted for the original motion after the others were defeated; three councilmen had opposed the motion, and Vico remained non-committal. When it was finally decided that Vico did not intend to vote on the matter that night, the council meeting was adjourned.

BRADFORD WAS backed in his move to elevate Peebles by Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead.

Jay Beasley referred to the move as a "steamroller," and asked if the councilmen were going to consider anyone else. "Here the man in the job hasn't left town and you want to railroad someone in," Vico commented at one point. "I think we ought to wait," he added.

"I WANT to make sure I'm doing the right thing," Vico continued. "I don't want someone to say later, 'Boy, you sure blew that one, George.'"

"I don't see the urgency," Willys Blount said. He said that "dashing out on the pretext of the budget, I submit, is a rather flimsy excuse."

Blount said he favored going out and hunting for the best man for the job.

"IF THE BEST man is Peebles, I'll vote for him," Blount stressed. Bradford defended his motion by saying the city would be foolish to wait for August to hire a manager, "and have him come in floundering around."

"We're going to fumble the ball if we don't move," Isen said before the council deadlocked.

Vico indicated he probably would be ready to vote on the matter in the next couple of weeks.

Local Committee Picks Board Slate

After screening candidates who have filed for the three seats open in the coming school board election, the Torrance Interested Parents group decided that Bert Lynn, Albert Charles and William Hanson had the qualifications needed to fill the vacancies.

A board made up of John Crowley, chairman; Pete Miller, Scotty Simmons, John Barton, Earl Griffin, and Dick Dodge interviewed the three candidates who were asked to attend a recent meeting.

Del Amo Stores Saluted

Seven firms who have opened stores in the Del Amo Center in recent weeks were saluted Tuesday morning by the Chamber of Commerce at its monthly breakfast meeting at the Torrance Masonic Temple.

Co-chairmen William Belding, manager of the Broadway, and John Lowe, manager of Sears, first stores to open in the center, presided over the program honoring Lerner Shops, Ontra Cafeteria, J. C. Penney Co., Weatherby-Kayser Shoes, Woolworth's, Leeds, and Silverwood's.

Lowe introduced representatives of five of the seven stores, including Mort Harris of Lerner's; Fred McConnel, Ontra Cafeteria; Jack L. Miller, Penney's; Jack Corson, Weatherby-Kayser; and L. H. Roberts, Woolworth's.

Each of the five members of their firms was welcomed to the city by Mayor Albert Isen, who commented that his father had opened the city's first retail store nearly 50 years ago.

The Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, presented the invocation for the breakfast.

Trio Get \$200 in Bar Raid

Three bandits, their faces masked with nylon stockings which gave a bizarre distortion to their features, took an estimated \$200 from a tavern cash register and patrons early Monday.

Police said Joseph Geneva, bartender at the Sit 'n Sip at 17312 Crenshaw Blvd., was accosted by the armed trio shortly before closing time early Monday. Also in the bar at the time were patrons Anthony La-Manonia and Linas Uncer.

The weirdly masked bandits entered the rear door of the tavern, and immediately forced Geneva to empty the cash register.

While one of the bandits held a gun to Geneva's head, the two companions forced La-Manonia and Uncer to surrender their wallets.

Police were told that about \$150 was taken from the bar's cash register while another \$50 was taken from the two customers.

After herding the three victims into the restroom, the trio fled in an auto parked at the rear of the bar, police were told.

On May 20

Top Defense Official to Lead Parade

Under Secretary of the Air Force Joseph V. Charyk will be Grand Marshal and keynote speaker for the Second Annual Armed Forces Day parade and celebration here, Mayor Albert Isen announced yesterday.

National attention was directed to the city on the occasion of its first celebration of Armed Forces Day, established by Presidential proclamation as the third Saturday in May of each year. This year's observance, highlighted by a great military parade presented in traditional American style, will be held May 20, an event which members of the planning committee are now describing as "second only to the Rose Parade" in its significance to Southern California.

Theme of the affair will be "Power for Peace." AS THE Grand Marshal of the Armed Forces Day Parade, Secretary Charyk will review the marching legions of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserve Components, National Guard, and other State units and civic

groups, and will award trophies for the best entries in the parade.

As keynote speaker for the Department of Defense, it is expected that he will discuss the role of the U.S. Armed Forces in safeguarding peace and freedom throughout the world.

"It is both fitting and fortunate that Mr. Charyk has been chosen to represent the Department of Defense at our celebration," Isen said, "because his background and present high appointment honor at once our State and our country."

HE HOLDS a Master of Science degree in aeronautics from California Institute of Technology and received a Ph.D. magna cum laude from that institution while he was section chief of its Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Later he was associated with Lockheed Aircraft and Aeronautics' Space Technology center. Six years ago he became Chief Scientist of the USAF. In 1959, he was named



ABOARD CARRIER... Three South High representatives who joined the more than 400 reporters for school newspapers aboard the carrier Yorktown Monday during "A Day in the Navy," are shown with one of the helicopters based aboard the vessel. Here from left are Rick Israel, R. H. Freeman, and Neal Salsbery who participated in the all-day cruise sponsored by Public Relations Co. 11-2, Naval Reserve. (U. S. Navy Photo)

Easter Bunny to Visit Parks and Playgrounds

A visit from the Easter Bunny will highlight the annual Easter egg hunt in El Prado Park at Cravens Ave. Saturday as the Torrance Downtown Merchants Assn., Torrance Adult Center, and the Torrance Recreation Department combine to present the citywide event.

And, to top it off, the Bunny will be loaded down with goodies for his young admirers, a source close to the furry creature announced yesterday. This year's egg hunt is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the Cravens Ave. end of the park in downtown Torrance.

Children 10 and under may participate and separate hunts will be staged for different age groups. Paper eggs will be hidden throughout the park, and may be exchanged for the candy variety by the lucky hunters.

In addition to his downtown appearance, the Easter Bunny is scheduled to stop at Paradise Park at 1 p.m. today; Torrance Park at 2 p.m. today; Seaside Playground also at 2 p.m. today; Walteria Park at 10 a.m. Saturday; McMaster Park 1 p.m. Saturday; and at El Retiro Park at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Pair Beaten By Crowbar Armed Gang

Two teenagers were beaten by a gang of youths wielding crowbars, they told police Sunday.

Kenneth Howell, 20, and his companion, Richard Barnes, 17, told police they had been halted by a carload of youths near the central area of Torrance. Police found them shortly after midnight Sunday, and rushed them to the hospital for treatment.

Howell said the other car was flashing its lights, and that he stopped, and approached the car to see "what was wrong."

A Penny for your Thoughts

In the last minute rush of preparations for Easter this week, five youngsters stopped long enough to answer the following question.

"What is the meaning of Easter Sunday to you?"

Connie Bearden, 8, 5502 Sunnyview:

"It is the day when Jesus rose from the dead. We all go to church and I like the special music that is played on Easter. I like to dress up on Easter too. It is a day when everyone gathers to celebrate."

Vince Cerra, 11, 22514 Linda Drive:

"Well, Easter means you get candy for one thing, and you have to go to church. It also means I have to get dressed up for the occasion. Sometimes we dye eggs at home and have an Easter egg hunt in our own yard."

Lynda Gunn, 13, 4826 Milne Drive:

"It's kind of hard to express your thoughts. It is a day when the whole family gets together to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It is a holy and sacred day and should be kept that way."

Johnny Anderson, 9, 22529 Leyte Drive:

"It is the day when Christ arose from the dead and it is celebrated all over the world. We attend church and then my folks sometimes plan special things for my brother and I to do."

Linda Scott, 10, 5519 Sunnyview:

"To me it means a happy day... when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. I think that to a girl, dressing up for a special occasion is important and I look forward to that on Easter."

Lomita Man Dies Of Crash Injury

Injuries received three weeks ago in an auto accident proved fatal this week to an 83-year-old Lomita man.

Daniel Critchfield, who resided at 2043 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., died Sunday. He had been injured March 4 near Palms Verdes Drive North and Strawberry Lane.

Pen Pals On Drive For Books

Through her Girl Scout and YWCA activities Mrs. Adam Krauszer has made many friends and one of them is Mrs. Flor Garcia, who teaches school in Bais, Negros Oriental, Philippines. The elementary teacher is also a Girl Scout leader.

The two women have been corresponding for 10 years. It all began when Mrs. Garcia contacted the Torrance YWCA asking for "pen pals" for her students and girl scouts.

MRS. KRAUSZER, who lives at 2318 Sonoma St., wrote to the Philippine teacher and a regular exchange of letters was started. Members of the local YWCA took on pen pals in the Bais school and scout troops and when Mrs. Krauszer's daughter, Ginny, joined the Tri-Hi-Y group she found her friends to correspond with.

In the following years friendships between the Torrance girls and their counter-parts across the ocean grew. They exchanged photos, made gifts for each other and at Christmas and Easter sent presents.

THIS WEEK Mrs. Garcia made another appeal to Mrs. Krauszer and wrote asking for used books and magazines. Her letter in part read:

"As librarian of our school I am trying to gather material worth reading. I am particularly interested in books and magazines for our children. We have only a few supplied for our school. If you could only help us and if it would not be too much asking your favor in soliciting old books good for school children?"

Tri-Hi-Y members gathered and made their plans. Today they will start a door-to-door campaign seeking books and magazines for their friends in Bais. They made a good start from their own homes and know they will succeed in their project aided by the people of Torrance.



JOSEPH V. CHARYK Parade Grand Marshal

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Research and Development, a position he held until his appointment as Under Secretary of the Air Force last year. If any man can foresee the future of our national power for peace, Dr. Charyk should be that man.

DR. CHARYK was born at Canmore, Alberta, Canada, attended elementary and high schools in Alberta, including St. Patrick's High in Lethbridge, Alberta. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree of bachelor of science in engineering physics. He moved to the United States in 1942 and has resided in Pasadena and Woodland Hills; Princeton, N.J.; and Washington, D.C., where he presently resides with his wife, three sons, and one daughter.

He is a member of the American Rocket Society, serving on the board of directors of the Southern California Chapter. He is an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, and was president of the Princeton chapter of Sigma Xi.

For two years, Dr. Charyk was chairman of the Committee on Aircraft, Missiles and Space Vehicles for the Air Force long range planning study conducted under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences.